



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

11:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-2675)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Dorinne Jordan, Michelle Vega and Genie Chough

Absent: Lori Glasgow, Vice Chair James Blunt, Kieu-Anh King,
Carl Gallucci

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (15-1966)

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Vega at 11:09 a.m.

2. Approval of the April 1, 2015 meeting minutes. (15-1967)

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was approved.

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3. Department Success Stories. (15-1968)

Leticia Torres-Ibarra, Department of Children and Family Services, reported that the fiscal reports will be published; the reports will be more thorough and comprehensive and include fiscal programmatic reviews.

II. REPORTS

4. Serenity Infant Care Homes, Inc. - A Department of Children and Family Services Foster Family Agency Contract Provider - Fiscal Compliance Review (3/31/15). (15-1874)

On motion of Dorinne Jordan, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was approved.

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5. Children's Group Home Ombudsman Semi-Annual Report - July 1 Through December 31, 2014 (3/24/15). (15-1875)

Genie Chough made reference to the Summary of Hotline Requests Received, specifically the high call volume for Penny Lane Centers, David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, and Florence Crittenton Services for Children and Families; Michelle Day, Auditor-Controller, reported that there were no systemic problems and the calls were not egregious. A total of six children accounted for most of the calls.

In response to questions posed by Michelle Vega regarding the handling of complaints that DCFS receives; Karen Richardson, DCFS, reported that Sheila Rice, Manager of the Public Inquiry Section, is responsible for processing all complaints which include complaints from the State of California's Ombudsman. Genie Chough indicated there are hopes to have an ombudsman for foster parents and FFA's.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Dorinne Jordan, this item was approved.

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6. Human Services Network d.b.a. Youth Services Network Contract Compliance Review (4/2/15). (15-1876)

Genie Chough made reference to Pages 3 and 4 of the Contract Compliance Monitoring Review regarding Personal Rights and Social/Emotional Well-Being; Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), reported that all categories include a safety element and Diana Flaggs, DCFS, is currently collaborating with the Probation Department to reformat this report and systematically address safety issues.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Dorinne Jordan, this item was approved.

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7. Junior Blind of America Group Home Contract Compliance Review (4/16/15). (15-1877)

Dorinne Jordan indicated that the Second District received complaints from the Sheriff's Department regarding the number of runaways from this facility and requested a comprehensive update on this issue. Karen Richardson, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), confirmed they have been in contact with the Sheriff's and the agency; an update will be emailed today. Leticia Torres-Ibarra, DCFS, agreed to cross-check these issues with law enforcement.

Michelle Vega expressed concern with the overall programmatic issues given the age and high needs of the children they serve. Diana Flaggs, DCFS, reported that this is the first review by the contract compliance team using the new model; there have been several follow-up visits and interviews to ensure compliance of their Corrective Action Plan.

Karen Richardson, DCFS, reported that the findings in the report are not typical for this agency and are possibly due to staff turnovers and oversight. The Child Welfare Medical Director Section was included in the exit conference and currently improvements have been made. DCFS is in the process of working on their next review, an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Genie Chough questioned the outcome related to allegations of a staff member behaving immaturely; Ms. Flaggs reported staff did follow-up and it was reported that everything was ok.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Dorinne Jordan, this item continued to the next meeting.

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8. Pennacle Foundation, Inc. Group Home Fiscal Compliance Assessment (4/27/15). (15-2040)

Dorinne Jordan inquired if an assessment was made to determine if funds were owed to the County since termination of this contract; Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), reported that this agency paid all monies found by the Auditor-Controller in the published 2012-13 Fiscal Review and currently there are no outstanding balances.

Ms. Flagg will provide an email update to advise if there is a group home overpayment due for 2014.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Dorinne Jordan, this item was approved.

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- 9.** Families Uniting Families Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (4/30/15). (15-2048)

On motion of Dorinne Jordan, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was approved.

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- 10.** Penny Lane Centers - A Department of Mental Health and Department of Children and Family Services Provider - Contract Compliance Review (5/1/15). (15-1873)

On motion of Dorinne Jordan, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was approved.

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- 11.** Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services Group Home Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (5/20/15). (15-2372)

On motion of Dorinne Jordan, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was approved.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.** Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on the agenda of a future meeting). (15-1969)

Don Chadwick, Auditor-Controller, reported that they have seven audit reports going through the SB84 appeal process with tentative waiting periods. Mr. Chadwick will coordinate with Chief Executive Office (CEO), in a cluster meeting in the next three to four weeks; the meeting summary will include agencies with significant issues and dates that reports are ready to be issued. Mr. Chadwick also explained the audit resolution process and indicated that this practice is to ensure audit resolution has been completed in its entirety prior to publishing their audit reports.

13. Public Comment. (15-1970)

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

14. Adjournment. (15-1971)

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.